

## CLAIMS

I claim:

1. Padded fishing shorts comprising:

a trunk portion and legs, said trunk portion having an open top with means for  
5 securement about the waist of a wearer, a rear area for covering the  
buttocks of the wearer, a frontal crotch area, and opposite sides forming  
hip areas for covering the hips of a wearer, said trunk portion and said  
trunk portion and said legs having exterior surfaces;

a padding attached to said exterior surface of said frontal crotch area,  
10 wherein said padding is covering a wearers crotch area and lower abdomen  
such that the wearer can rest the butt of a fishing pole on their abdomen in  
the customary position used for fighting fish.

2. The padded fishing shorts of claim 1 wherein said padding is attached to said frontal  
crotch area by means of a plurality of hook and loop material attachment strips, with  
15 one side of said strips attached to said exterior surface of said frontal crotch area  
and the other side of said strips attached to the back of said padding.

3. The padded fishing shorts of claim 1 further comprising:

an attachment tang present on one of said hip areas or one of said legs,  
a drink koozie, having a clip, said drink koozie being attached to said attachment  
20 tang by means of said clip,

wherein said padding is covering a wearers crotch area and lower abdomen such that  
the wearer can rest the butt of a fishing pole on their abdomen in the customary  
position used for fighting fish, and said drink koozie is removable from said  
attachment tang such that the wearer can drink from said koozie and then attach  
25 said koozie to said attachment clip to have both hands free for fishing.

4. The padded fishing shorts of claim 1 wherein said padding is made of Neoprene.
5. The padded fishing shorts of claim 1 wherein said padding is made of foam.
6. The padded fishing shorts of claim 1 wherein said shorts are made of nylon.
7. Padded fishing shorts comprising:

- 5 a trunk portion and legs, said trunk portion having an open top with means for  
securement about the waist of a wearer, a rear area for covering the buttocks of  
the wearer, a frontal crotch area, and opposite sides forming hip areas for  
covering the hips of a wearer, said trunk portion and said trunk portion and said  
legs having exterior surfaces;
- a plurality of hook and loop material strips attached to said exterior surface of said  
frontal crotch area,
- a padding attached to said exterior surface of said frontal crotch area by means of  
said hook and loop material strips,
- 10 wherein said padding is covering a wearers crotch area and lower abdomen such that  
the wearer can rest the butt of a fishing pole on their abdomen in the customary  
position used for fighting fish, and said padding is removable from said shorts  
for convenience.
8. The padded fishing shorts of claim 7 further comprising:
- 15 an attachment tang present on one of said hip areas or one of said legs,  
a drink koozie, having a clip, said drink koozie being attached to said attachment  
tang by means of said clip;
- wherein said padding is covering a wearers crotch area and lower abdomen such that  
the wearer can rest the butt of a fishing pole on their abdomen in the customary  
20 position used for fighting fish, and said drink koozie is removable from said  
attachment tang such that the wearer can drink from said koozie and then attach  
said koozie to said attachment clip to have both hands free for fishing.
9. The padded fishing shorts of claim 7 wherein said padding is provided with a back  
surface having opposite-side hook and loop material attached to cover an area larger  
25 than the surface area of said hook and loop material attachment strips.
10. The padded fishing shorts of claim 7 wherein said padding is made of neoprene.
11. The padded fishing shorts of claim 7 wherein said shorts are made of nylon.
12. The padded fishing shorts of claim 7 wherein said padding is made of foam.
13. A padded fishing shorts retrofit kit comprising:

a padding having a size and shape needed to cover the lower abdomen and crotch area of a wearer;

a means for attaching said padding to a wearer's shorts.

wherein said padding can be attached to a wearers shorts such that it will cover a

wearers crotch area and lower abdomen such that the wearer can rest the butt of a fishing pole on their abdomen in the customary position used for fighting fish.

14. The padded fishing shorts retrofit kit of claim 13 wherein said attachment means is a plurality of hook and loop material strips.

15. The padded fishing shorts retrofit kit of claim 13 wherein said attachment means is thread.

16. The padded fishing shorts retrofit kit of claim 13 further comprising:  
an attachment tang,  
means for attaching said attachment tang to a wearers shorts,  
a drink koozie, having a clip, said drink koozie being attached to said attachment tang by means of said clip;

17. The padded fishing shorts retrofit kit of claim 13 wherein said padding is made of Neoprene.

18. The padded fishing shorts retrofit kit of claim 13 wherein said shorts are made of nylon.